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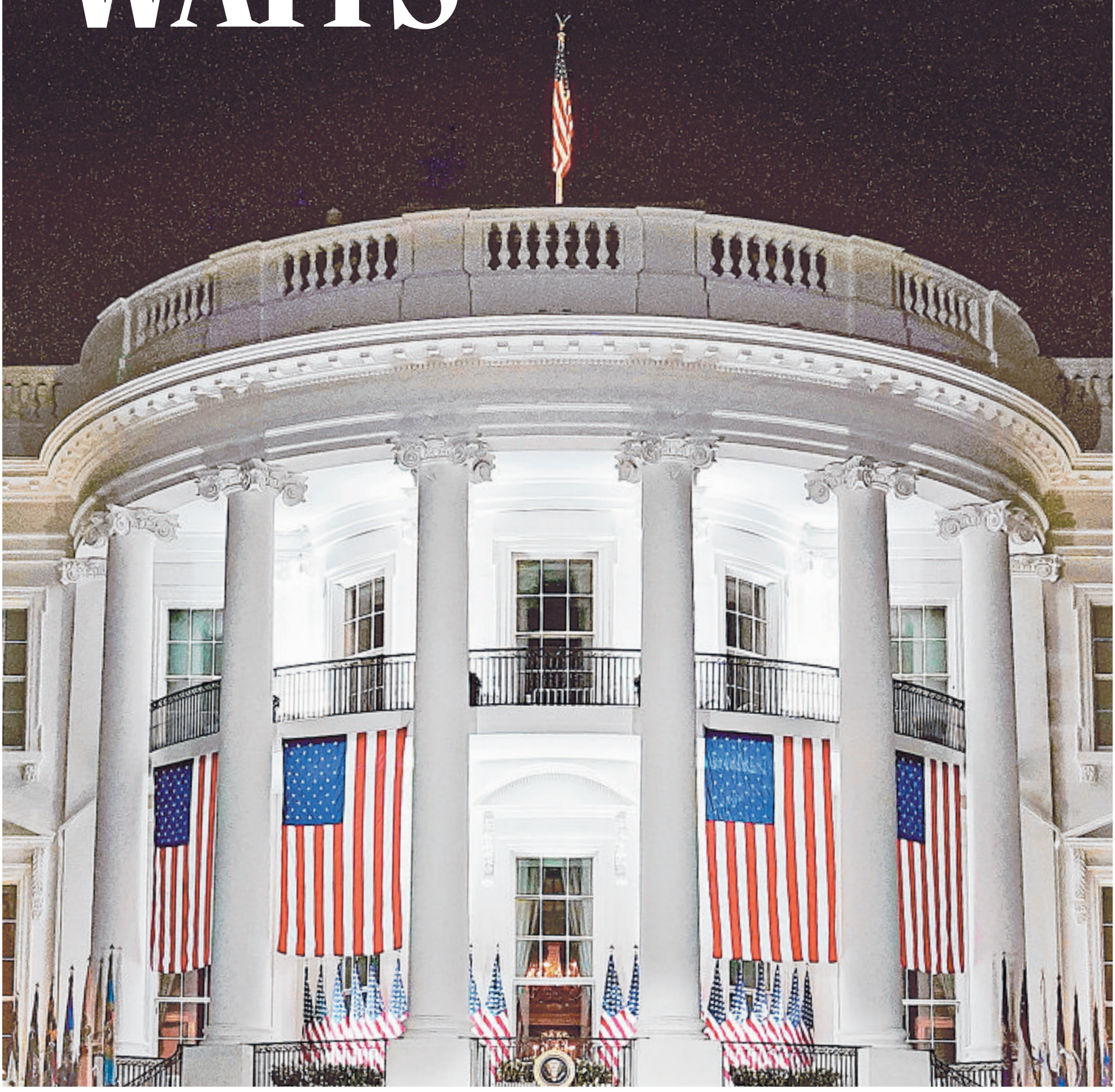

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Biden wins in state contest

By Michael Hamad
Hartford Courant

Democratic challenger Joe Biden defeated President Donald J. Trump in Connecticut — a widely anticipated victory in a state that has gone for a Democrat in every presidential election since 1992.

Associated Press called the state for Biden shortly after polls closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Connecticut's seven electoral votes for president will be cast for Biden.

From the start, Trump faced an uphill climb in Connecticut, where Democrats control every statewide and Congressional seat, both chambers of the Connecticut General Assembly and the office of the governor. A Sacred Heart University poll released Friday showed Biden leading by roughly 25 points.

Biden also enjoyed strong support in Connecticut from key Democratic leaders,

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State Dems likely add Senate seat

By Daniela Altimari

Connecticut Democrats were looking to solidify their hold on the state Senate late Tuesday, but with large numbers of absentee ballots slowing the counting process, the balance in the chamber remained in flux.

The stakes are high — with the party's progressive wing looking to gain enough strength to push forward a stalled agenda on taxes and health care. But while Democrats gained at least one seat in the New Britain area, according to unofficial results, other key matchups remained too close to call.

"We're waiting for the absentee ballots," said J.R. Romano, the chairman of the Connecticut Republican Party. "I don't think we're going to know for a couple of days."

In a pick-up for Democrats, Rick Lopes unseated

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Presidential race too close to call

A record-breaking number of early votes were cast prior to Tuesday to decide between candidate Joe Biden, left, and President Donald Trump.

By Jonathan Lemire, Zeke Miller, Jill Colvin and Alexandra Jaffe
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump won Florida, the nation's most prized battleground state, as he and Democrat Joe Biden on Tuesday battled to the finish of an epic campaign that will shape America's response to the surging pandemic and foundational questions of economic fairness and racial justice.

The two men were locked in tight races across the country, with Trump also claiming the battlegrounds of Ohio and Iowa while Biden won Minnesota and New Hampshire, two modest prizes the

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